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Carson Secures \$750,000 For Broken Bow Economic Development

Money Will Go Towards Completion Of Rail Spur

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Washington, D.C. – Eastern Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced that he has secured \$750,000 for the construction of a rail spur in the Broken Bow industrial park. The money was included in the Transportation portion of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which was signed into law on January 23, 2004.

“Broken Bow community leaders brought this project to my attention, and I have worked hard under short deadlines to make sure this project receives the funding it deserves,” said Congressman Carson. “The addition of the Huber Oriented Strand Board Plant, the world’s largest of its type, makes this rail spur vital for the continued growth in economic development in the Broken Bow area.”

Congressman Carson strongly supported the Economic Development Act, which gave Broken Bow an advantage in landing the Huber plant. The Huber Company selected Broken Bow for this plant after intense competition from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The total investment of the plant is over \$140 million.

Broken Bow City Manager Mark Guthrie said funding is an important step in the right direction. “This rail spur is a vital part of future economic development and will be critical in providing growth for Broken Bow and McCurtain County,” said Guthrie. “We are grateful to Congressman Carson for his help in securing these funds through the House of Representatives.”

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“This rail spur will bring many benefits to the community by connecting a growing industrial park to the local railroad mainline,” said Congressman Carson. “It will assist Broken Bow, an economically progressive community, to continue towards a bright future. The Broken Bow and McCurtain County community should take pride in the work that is being done to secure economic growth and viability of this area for years to come.”

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